

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-21 Building Date: 1918  
Building Name: William H. Carlton House  
Location: 5110 Emerson Street, Emerson, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The William H. Carlton House is a two story, rectangular, gable roof frame dwelling situated on a town lot. The three bay south (main) gable end has entrance in the third bay through a modern door. Windows are 1/1 sash. Both entrance door and windows have wooden architrave surrounds. The first and second bays are in a two story flat roof projecting bay. The cornice continues across the front gable end, giving the gable a pedimented appearance. The entrance is sheltered by a two bay shed roof porch which wraps around and continues for two bays across the east facade. The porch roof has projecting rafter ends and rests on slender rectangular posts. The house is covered with yellow painted asbestos shingle, rests on a brick foundation, is roofed with asphalt shingle and has overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends. The two bay east facade has a corbelled brick chimney centered at the gable ridge. The first bay has a square window with small square sidelights lighting the interior stair. The second bay is slightly set back and has a shed roof, one story, one bay addition with a 2/2 window. The two bay west facade has a projecting semi-octagonal one story bay in the first bay. The rear of the house is dominated by a two-by-one-bay, two story gable roof addition with a corbelled brick interior end chimney. On the west side of the addition is an octagonal, one story addition of rusticated cement block which houses the furnace. The interior of the house has a east side hall and two west parlors. The open-string stair has turned balusters and a turned and chamfered newel post. Banded molding with corner blocks surrounds the interior doors and windows. There is a corner fireplace with a brick surround in the living room. There is no basement.

Significance

The William H. Carlton House is significant as a modest suburban dwelling built in a rapidly urbanizing area of the County early in the twentieth century. The house was built in East Hyattsville for William H. Carlton around 1918. Carlton worked at the Washington, D.C. Pumping Station. The area of the County around the north-eastern border of the District of Columbia was, in the early twentieth century, becoming an area of suburbs. Workers employed in Washington, D.C. could travel to work from the suburbs by train or electric trolley. The house appears to have had a significant addition to the rear at a date later than that of its initial construction. It had a low tax value in 1918, indicating a dwelling more modest than its present size. Its style, with overhanging eaves, projecting rafter ends and use of casement windows, is typical of houses built in the County in the early twentieth century.

Acreage: 33,614 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William H. Carlton House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 5110 Emerson Street not for publication

city, town Edmonston vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brian Wonderly

street & number 5110 Emerson Street telephone no.:

city, town Edmonston state and zip code Md. 20781

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5624

street & number Main Street folio 564

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date       federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town    state

## 7. Description

Survey No. 68-21

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William H. Carlton House is a two story, rectangular, gable roof frame dwelling situated on a town lot. It is located in a subdivision of mixed early twentieth century dwellings and those of a later date.

The three bay south (main) gable end has entrance in the third bay through a modern door. Windows on the facade are 1/1 double-hung-sash. Both entrance door and windows have wooden architrave surrounds. The first and second bays are in a two story flat roof projecting bay with a boxed wood cornice. The cornice continues across the front gable end, giving the gable a pedimented appearance. There is a rectangular louvered opening in the upper gable. The entrance is sheltered by a two bay shed roof porch which wraps around and continues for two bays across the east facade. The porch roof has projecting rafter ends and rests on slender rectangular posts.

The house is covered with yellow painted asbestos shingle and rests on a brick foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle, and has overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends.

The two bay east facade has a corbelled brick chimney centered at the gable ridge. The first bay has a square window with small square side-lights, which lights the interior stair landing. The second bay of the main block is slightly set back and has a shed roof, one story, one bay addition with a 2/2 window. The two bay west facade has a projecting semi-octagonal one story bay in the first bay. The north (rear) of the house is dominated by a two-by-one-bay, two story gable roof addition with a corbelled brick interior end chimney. A shed roof, one bay porch on the east side of this addition shelters a rear entrance. On the west side of the addition is an octagonal, one story addition of rusticated cement block which houses the furnace. The roof of this addition has the same projecting rafter treatment used around the building's roofline.

The interior of the William H. Carlton house has a east side hall and two west parlors. The open-string stair has turned balusters and a turned and chamfered newel post. Banded molding with corner blocks surrounds the interior doors and windows. There is a corner fireplace with a brick surround in the living room. The building has no basement.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates	1918	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William H. Carlton House is significant as a modest suburban dwelling built in a rapidly urbanizing area of the County early in the twentieth century. The house was built in East Hyattsville for William H. Carlton around 1918.<sup>1</sup> East Hyattsville was platted by J. Harris Rogers in 1907.<sup>2</sup> Carlton was an unskilled worker at the Washington, D.C. Pumping Station.<sup>3</sup> The area of Prince George's County around the north-eastern border of the District of Columbia was, in the early twentieth century, becoming an area of residential suburbs. Skilled and unskilled workers employed in Washington, D.C., could travel to work from the suburbs by train or electric trolley.

The William H. Carlton House appears to have had a significant addition to the rear (north) at a date later than that of its initial construction. It had a relatively low tax value of \$360 in 1918,<sup>4</sup> indicating a dwelling more modest than its present size. The style of the dwelling, with overhanging eaves, projecting rafter ends and use of casement windows, is typical of houses built in the County in the early twentieth century.<sup>5</sup>

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, District 16, 1918-21.

<sup>2</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, 31:371, 1907.

<sup>3</sup> United States Census, 1910, Prince George's County, District 16, #445.

<sup>4</sup> Tax Assessments, op. cit.

<sup>5</sup> For other examples, see P.G. #61-13, Gallant House.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 33614 Sq. Feet

Map 50 D-1 1900 L.28

Quadrangle name Washington East, Section E

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate July 1986street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3520city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

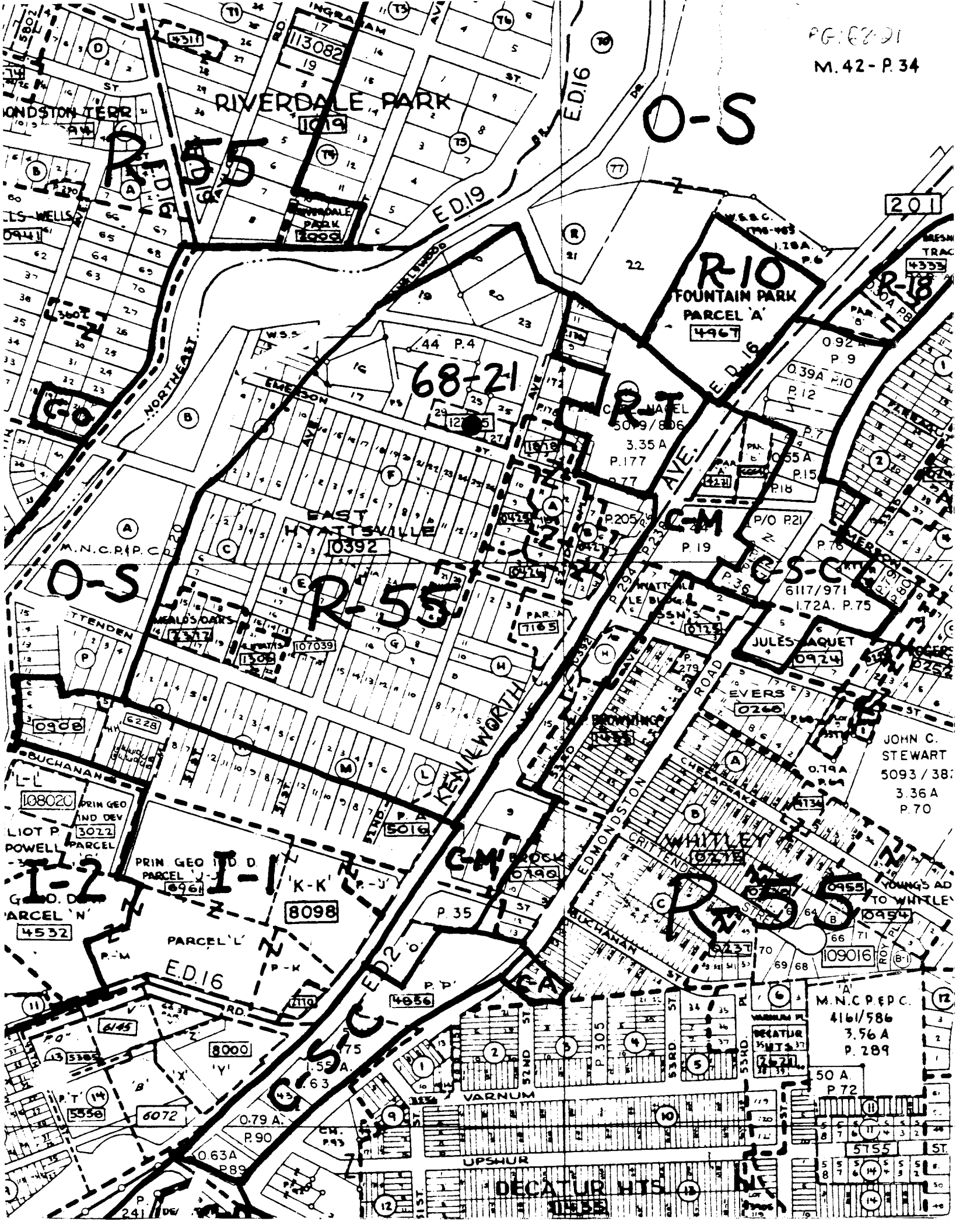
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## Chain of Title

William H. Carlton House  
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6120:458 12 June 1985 Deed	Eugene J. and Joan Corrado to Brian T. Wonderly. For \$62,500.00 grantors convey Lot 28 in Block R, East Hyattsville - a resubdivision of Lot 26. Contains 6,372 square feet. Address 5110 Emerson Street. Same described in 5624:564.
5624:564 30 Dec 1982 Deed	Eva L. Hunter to Eugene J. and Joan Corrado. For \$56,000 grantor conveys:  Parcel 3: Land of Walter Brooke Hunter, also known as W. Brooke Hunter, described 474:373, Lot 26, Block R, unrecorded plat of East Hyattsville. Contains 6,372 square feet.
474:373 21 April 1937 Deed	R. Carl Eaton and Mary E. Eaton of Edmonston to Wilbert N. Sales of Edmonston. For \$10.00 grantors convey same property obtained from William H. Carlton and Martha E. Carlton, September 15, 1922. Recorded 188:30.
188:30 15 Sept 1922 Deed	William H. Carlton and Martha E. Carlton to R. Carl Eaton and Mary E. Eaton. For \$10.00 grantors convey a part of same land obtained from J. Harris Rogers, February 28, 1907, 31:371 - Lot measures 208.5 feet by 72 feet, together with improvements.
31:371 28 Feb. 1907 Deed	J. Harris Rogers, unmarried to William H. Carlton - both of Hyattsville. For \$10.00 grantor conveys a lot 208.5 feet by 235.2 feet, together with all improvements. J. Harris Rogers has plan of subdivision of East Hyattsville. Poppleton Place platted by Edward R. Latimer, February 1907.







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William H. Carlton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
February 1986  
South elevation  
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William H. Carlton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
February 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William H. Carlton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
February 1986  
North elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William H. Carlton House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
February 1986  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD